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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.
Claims 3, 5, 6 and 9-17 are in the application for consideration.

Claims 5 and 10-14 and 15-17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Claims 3 and 9 are cancelled without prejudice. The subject matter of claim 3 and 9 is incorporated into claim 13 and 16 respectively. Applicant retains the right to file a continuation application on original claims 13 and 16. The amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 5-6 and 9-17 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for methods for increasing endoreduplication and crop yield by stably transforming a plant with an isolated wheat dwarf virus RepA geminivirus replicase polynucleotide, does not reasonably provide enablement for methods for increasing endoreduplication and crop yield by stably transforming a plant with an isolated plant geminivirus replicase polynucleotide.

The amendments described above are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

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In view of the above comments and amendments, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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